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SUBJ: CORRESPONDENCE BETWEEN PRIME MINISTER AND PRESIDENT
NIXON

1. FOLLOWING FOR EMBASSY INFORMATION ONLY ARE TEXTS OF
LETTER FROM PM GANDHI TO PRESIDENT NIXON WHICH AMBASSADOR
KAUL PRESENTED WITH HIS CREDENTIALS JUNE 14, AND TEXT OF
RESPONSE FROM THE PRESIDENT TO MRS. GANDHI OF JULY 12,
WHICH WAS DELIVERED THROUGH THE INDIAN EMBASSY HERE.

2. BEGIN TEXT GANDHI LETTER: "NEW DELHI, MAY 1, 1973.

DEAR MR. PRESIDENT, IT WAS GOOD OF YOU TO HAVE RECEIVED MR.
L. K. JHA BEFORE HIS DEPARTURE FROM WASHINGTON. HE HAS
GIVEN ME A FULL ACCOUNT OF YOUR CONVERSATION WITH HIM AS
WELL AS HIS MORE DETAILED DISCUSSIONS WITH DR. KISSINGER.
I AM ENCOURAGED BY THE PROMISE WHICH THESE TALKS HOLD OF
A NEW RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES, BASED ON A
MORE SENSITIVE UNDERSTANDING OF EACH OTHERS INTERESTS AND
OBJECTIVES.

AMBASSADOR KAUL, WHO CARRIES THIS LETTER, WILL I HOPE BE
GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY TO TAKE THIS DIALOGUE FORWARD. HE
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IS ONE OF OUR MOST EXPERIENCED DIPLOMATS WHO HAS ENJOYED

MY CONFIDENCE FOR MANY YEARS. AFTER RETIRING AS FOREIGN SECRETARY, HE IS GOING TO WASHINGTON BECAUSE OF THE IMPORTANCE WHICH MY GOVERNMENT AND I ATTACH TO BETTER RELATIONS WITH THE UNITED STATES. PLEASE DO NOT HESITATE TO SPEAK TO HIM FREELY AND IN CONFIDENCE. I HAVE ASKED HIM TO REPORT TO ME DIRECT. WITH WARM PERSONAL REGARDS, YOURS SINCERELY, (SIGNED) INDIRA GANDHI." END TEXT.

3. BEGIN TEXT PRESIDENT NIXON'S LETTER: "JULY 12, 1973. DEAR MADAME PRIME MINISTER: THANK YOU FOR THE LETTER GIVEN TO ME BY AMBASSADOR KAUL WHEN HE PRESENTED HIS CREDENTIALS ON JUNE 14. WE, TOO, LOOK FORWARD TO DEVELOPING WITH HIM THE DIALOGUE BEGUN WITH AMBASSADOR JHA. I BELIEVE IT CAN, ALONG WITH AMBASSADOR MOYNIHAN'S WORK IN NEW DELHI, PROVIDE A STRONG FOUNDATION FOR STEADY IMPROVEMENT IN THE RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES.

IT IS GOOD TO KNOW FROM YOUR NOTE AND MY TALK WITH AMBASSADOR MOYNIHAN THAT YOUR BRIEF VISIT TO LAKE PLACID ON JUNE 21 WENT WELL. I HOPE YOU FEEL THAT THE REST OF YOUR TRIP WAS REWARDING. SINCERELY, (SIGNED) RICHARD NIXON. " END TEXT. ROGERS

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